GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE OF NEW COAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has ur{j,ed the Union Government to expedite the clearance for new coal projects to enable the coal companies to increase their production ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon ;

(d) whether the CIL has also made certain recommendations to the Union Government in this matter ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the Union Government has accepted and implemented these recommendations made by the CIL ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. Coal India Limited (CIL) has urged the Union Government to stream line the procedure of sanction of coal projects and also to seek the assistance of the State Governments in implementation of coal projects.

(c) to (f) : On the suggestions of CIL, following actions have been taken by the Union Government :

1. Project proposals costing Rs. 100 crores and above approved by Government are now directly sent to Ministry without routing the same through Empowered Sub Committee of CIL Board/ CIL Board.

2. The system of obtaining `In-principle` clearance from Planning Commission and consideration of Project Report by Inter-Ministerial Group have been dispensed with, thus reducing the level ot consideration of a project from seven to three.

3. Representatives of coal companies have regular meetings with respective District/State officials.